

## Le Croisé-Laroche [L-H] - 01 September

**Race 1 - PRIX DU RESTAURANT DE L'HIPPODROME - 1800m CL3.** Purse EUR €16,000.

1. **MASHUK** - Safely held last time when 15th over 2000m at Compiègne. May appreciate the step back in journey this time. Key runner on his best form.
2. **JARITE FLEURY** - Last appeared when she finished fifth over 2200m at Clairefontaine on August 22. On her best form has a good chance.
3. **ZANNDABAD** - Yet to find the frame in two runs since resuming from a spell, the latest effort a fourth over 2400m at Vichy two weeks ago. Suited with leading rider. Great chance to atone.
4. **LEO SPIRIT** - Last time out finished 11th over 1600m at Compiègne. Plenty of these look to have him covered.
5. **SUYIAN** - Talented type who has finished in the money at both career runs to date the latest when second over 1600m at Vichy. Progressing well and is a leading contender.
6. **PRINCESS GLITTERS** - Has not raced since finishing 2.25 lengths away in third over 1600m at Lyon-Parilly on May 5. First up. Could go well.

**Summary:** The drop back to 1800m looks an interesting move for ZANNDABAD (3) who's two from three over this trip. Francis-Henri Graffard's three-year-old sets the standard on ratings and can return to winning ways down in grade in first-time cheekpieces. SUYIAN (5) has shown plenty of promise in a pair of 1600m Vichy maidens including when denied a head last start. Main danger. Next best is PRINCESS GLITTERS (6) who returns from a break following a trio of fair efforts at Lyon-Parilly. MASHUK (1) can pick up some minor honours.

### Selections

**ZANNDABAD (3) - SUYIAN (5) - PRINCESS GLITTERS (6) - MASHUK (1)**

**Race 2 - PRIX DES JEUNES - 1800m CLM.** Purse EUR €12,500.

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1. **SHAKSTAR FAL** - Hasn't been far away since a maiden win three back, most recently finishing second over 1600m at Clairefontaine on August 19. Hard to beat if he brings his A-game.
2. **STARY EYED SURPRIS** - Both career runs to date have been pretty ordinary. Looking to others for the winner.
3. **KOEUR FLEURY** - Has been uncompetitive of late, last start finishing fifth and beaten 18 lengths over 1400m at Clairefontaine. Outclassed.
4. **SPIRIT CUTTER** - Returns from a spell after finishing 12th at her last appearance over 1400m at Nantes on June 2. Expected to measure up.
5. **IRON MAN** - Stepping out at this circuit for the first time. Last appeared when he finished sixth over 1300m at Deauville All Weather on August 16. Can do a lot better than that last run.
6. **PORTRERO** - Very Nice Name colt from Gmaash on debut. Worth watching for a market push.
7. **PONY CHOCOLONEY** - Made little impression on debut over 1400m Dieppe when tenth, beaten 22 lengths. Others look better prospects.
8. **WHATEVER IT COSTS** - Mixing form lately but well beaten last time when a 26 length ninth over 1600m at Clairefontaine. Rates well and can break through if returns to best.

**Summary:** A weak claiming event where SHAKSTAR FAL (1) is taken to build on a pair of promising second-placed finishes at Clairefontaine. Top chance in what looks a good opportunity. WHATEVER IT COSTS (8) disappointed latest but would hold strong claims on the form that saw him finish runner-up in a 1600m Saint-Malo claimer prior. Newcomer PORTRERO (6) is worth a market check having been supplemented and KOEUR FLEURY (3) is worth including down in standard.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHAKSTAR FAL (1) - WHATEVER IT COSTS (8) - PORTRERO (6) - KOEUR FLEURY (3)</b></p> |
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**Race 3 - PRIX RENT A CAR - 1800m CL3 QUALIF HCP**. Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **BLEUSKY** - Has been out of the money recently including last start when 14th over 1900m at Deauville All Weather three weeks ago beaten 5 lengths. This is easier. Has claims.
2. **MORSAN** - Has struggled to make his mark of late the most recent effort a tenth over 1400m at Vichy a week-and-a-half ago. Can make amends.
3. **AIGUIERE D'ARGENT** - Ran a better race last start to finish third at Clairefontaine over 1600m. One of the main hopes.
4. **L'AIR DU TEMPS** - Finds it hard to win with just the one career success which came quite a while back. Last start was fourth over 1600m at Nantes on July 7. Going well and will be tough to stop.
5. **PARIS AFFAIR** - Has been out of the money in recent runs including last time out when 12th over 1800m at Dieppe a month ago. Will need to do a bit more.
6. **MANSOUN** - Only managed to finish eighth over the shorter 1600m journey at Vichy when resuming last start. Is a second up winner in the past and can improve sharply.
7. **SAN PABLO** - Finished ninth last start over 2000m at Saint-Cloud and mid-field at Lyon prior. Tongue tie added. Place claims.
8. **WILD EMOTION** - Finished 9 lengths from the winner in tenth last time out over 2100m at Le Touquet. Wait until she produces something more before considering.

**Summary:** AIGUIERE D'ARGENT (3) produced a solid 0.5L third in a 1600m Class Three handicap at Clairefontaine last-time-out. Expected to record a third career success with Soumillon retaining the ride. L'AIR DU TEMPS (4) was a decent fourth in a Class Three handicap over 1600m at Nantes last start. Must enter the calculations. BLEUSKY (1) will find this more suitable than the Deauville AW handicap he tackled recently. SAN PABLO (7) could improve in a first-time tongue-tie.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AIGUIERE D'ARGENT (3) - L'AIR DU TEMPS (4) - BLEUSKY (1) - SAN PABLO (7)</b></p> |
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**Race 4 - PRIX DU MONGY - 1800m CL3.** Purse EUR €15,000.

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1. **NEPALAIS** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten 2.75 lengths into ninth over 1900m at Deauville All Weather. Fitter for that run and expected to be in the finish this time.
2. **MUBARMAJ** - Has been out of the placings in recent runs. Last start ninth over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Needs to do more.
3. **WISHUPONASTAR** - Steps out for the first time for the Hans Blume yard off a break of 17 months. Will be better for this hit-out but also can't be dismissed.
4. **GO TO HOLLYWOOD** - Last appeared nine months ago when he finished 8 lengths from the winner in sixth over 1800m at this track. Expected to play a major role.
5. **DIRE STREET** - Safely accounted for at each of his three runs to date. No threat when 11th over 2400m at Clairefontaine last time out. Others preferred.
6. **MR POL** - Debuted 62 days ago and was beaten a long way over 1800m at Clairefontaine. Look elsewhere.
7. **INAUGURAL** - Resumes from a break of eight months. Finished ninth at his most recent appearance over 1800m at Chantilly All Weather. Goes well first up. Expected to run well.
8. **OCEAN** - Last appeared when he finished sixth over 1500m at Deauville on August 21. Safely held last time out but this suits.
9. **SELEN DOLORES** - Has progressed at each appearance since her debut three starts ago most recently finishing sixth over 2400m at Lignieres. Capable of going to the next level this time.
10. **NICE DE BOISTRON** - Last appeared a year ago when she finished a long way behind the winner in fifth over 3700m at Vertou.

**Summary:** A tricky event to assess where the market is certainly worth observing. A tentative vote goes the way of GO TO HOLLYWOOD (4) who wasn't disgraced when sixth in a Class One conditions event over course and distance last start. Genuine hope eased in standard. Fellow class dropper NEPALAIS (1) must be included on the ratings. WISHUPONASTAR (3) is perhaps the most interesting runner having not been seen since winning a 2000m Saint-Cloud Class Two handicap in April 2021. OCEAN (8) is also considered.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Selections</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GO TO HOLLYWOOD (4) - NEPALAIS (1) - WISHUPONASTAR (3) - OCEAN (8)</b></p> |
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**Race 5 - PRIX DU FAIR PLAY - 2500m CL3.** Purse EUR €16,000.

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1. **GAMECHANGER** - Finished midfield last start at Dieppe over 1800m 5.5 lengths from the winner. Tackles this longer journey for the first time. Expected to do much better.
2. **NO MORE** - Three-year-old gelding who's form on either side of a spell has been very ordinary. The in-form Benjamin Marie rides today but still not keen on his chances here.
3. **NORTHERN PROJECT** - Last appeared when he finished eighth over 2200m at Dieppe on July 8. Cannot be ruled out despite a moderate effort last time.
4. **POWERKISS D'OROUX** - Returned from a layoff last start and was beaten into eighth over 2200m at Clairefontaine. Strips fitter and is among the chances.
5. **PARURE DES SABLES** - Started her racing career on a positive note then finished second over 2000m at Le Lion-d'Angers. Will appreciate the 3.5kg claim by apprentice jockey and looks a capable type. Best chance to date to break maiden status.
6. **SLADKA** - Stepping out at this track for the first time. Last appeared when she finished third over 2400m at Vittel on July 24. Sure to be about the money.

**Summary:** PARURE DES SABLES (5) built on a promising debut when runner-up in a 2000m maiden at Le Lion-d'Angers. Major appeal in this suitable affair with the third having won since to boost the form. GAMECHANGER (1) finished fifth in a 1800m maiden at Dieppe and looks sure to appreciate this step back up in trip. SLADKA (6) is respected following a decent maiden third over 2400m at Vittel while NORTHERN PROJECT (3) could sneak a place.

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**Race 6 - PRIX DES RECOLTES - 2500m CLM CL4 HCP.** Purse EUR €14,000.

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1. **ZARICA** - Unplaced at all three runs this time in work the latest when fourth over 2100m at Le Touquet a week-and-a-half ago. Hard to beat on her best form.
2. **LOCAL WHISKY** - Last appeared when he finished second over 2400m at Vichy on August 10. Should go well.
3. **MYFRIENDRICH** - Has had two runs since a break the latest a 14th over 2000m at Vichy beaten 11 lengths. Fitter for recent racing. This line-up might test him.
4. **MASVINGO** - Resumed from a spell last start with a tenth over 2400m at Clairefontaine. Will benefit from that run and is in the mix.
5. **BARFLEUR** - Lightly raced galloper resuming from a spell. Hasn't raced since breaking through for a maiden win over 2400m at Moulins on May 28. Has ability and is worth including.
6. **LIBRE** - Unable to find the winners' circle this campaign. Last start was beaten 6 lengths into ninth over 2400m at Dieppe. Does have a good record over the distance.
7. **PRINCEDESCHAMPS** - Finding it hard to break through finishing sixth last time out over 2000m at Vichy. Looking elsewhere.
8. **ISKANDAR** - Was below par two back at Dieppe then bounced back with a win over 2700m at Le Touquet last time out. High among the chances.
9. **GREY SUNDAY** - Stepping out for his 5th run back from a break looking to snap a poor run of current form. Prepared to leave alone today.

**Summary:** Front-runner ISKANDAR (8) may get his own way here and is selected to follow up a 5L Class Three handicap success over 2700m at Le Touquet. ZARICA (1) shaped well when a close fourth in a similar Class Four claiming handicap over 2100m at Le Touquet a week-and-a-half ago. Firmly in the mix. Supplemented runner LOCAL WHISKY (2) is respected on the back of a good second at Vichy. LIBRE (6) is interesting with an excellent record over the distance.

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**Race 7 - PRIX GUY LECLERCQ - 2500m HCP CL4.** Purse EUR €12,000.

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1. **COMMANDEUR** - Broke through for an overdue win last time over 2200m at Clairefontaine. Back in form and can make it two on the bounce.
2. **GRAND YAKA** - Got home by a head at Le Touquet two starts ago. Disappointed last time at Le Touquet when 4.5 lengths from the winner in fifth. Might struggle again.
3. **LORD SPIRIT** - Last start finished 2.75 lengths back in third over 2100m at Le Touquet. Bold showing expected.
4. **MINNEHAHA** - Racing well including a last-start win over 2700m at Le Touquet getting home by 2 lengths. Hard to beat again in this sort of form.
5. **SOSOFT** - Last raced 11 months ago when beaten into 13th over 1950m at Les Sables-d'Olonne. Returns for new trainer Em Verheij. Will improve on what he does in this.
6. **NEOQUEEN** - Didn't inspire again last start beaten 17 lengths over 2700m at Orleans. Better than recent form suggests and expected to improve. Rates highly this line-up so expecting a much better run.
7. **TOUNMY** - Back in trip here after scoring over 2900m at Clairefontaine last time out. Racing well and can go on with it now.
8. **HUMBABA D'AGROSTIS** - Has recorded just one win from 38 career starts. Finished 6 lengths back in fourth at his latest appearance over 2700m at Le Touquet. Others preferred.

**Summary:** TOUNMY (7) arrives chasing a hat-trick following a smooth 1.75L Class Three handicap win over 2900m at Clairefontaine. Obvious appeal with stamina assured. A 2.5kg rise in the weights for winning a 2700m handicap at Le Touquet should see MINNEHAHA (4) remain competitive. COMMANDEUR (1) has changed stables since scoring in a Class Four claiming handicap at Clairefontaine nineteen days ago. One to note. LORD SPIRIT (3) cannot be dismissed.

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**Race 8 - PRIX DE LA RENTREE - 1100m HCP.** Purse EUR €18,000.

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1. **MUSKATEER THREE** - Has not raced since finishing 12th over 1300m at Deauville All Weather on March 4. This looks a stern test.
2. **NO TIME TO WAIT** - Most recent effort a fourth over 1100m at Deauville a week ago beaten 3.5L. Another bold run is expected.
3. **HEATHERWOOD** - Last appeared when he scored over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers on August 6. Can go on with the job.
4. **TILL WE DIE** - Last start finished third over 1100m at Deauville. Has recorded just 2 victories from 23 starts. Has ability and is a top-three hope.
5. **BLUE DREAM** - Has been below his best for a long time and is now without a win in 414 days. Safely held last time out when tenth over 1200m at Chantilly seven-and-a-half weeks ago. Has placed twice from two visits to this venue.
6. **CANICE** - Comes here second-up. Well beaten at each of her starts to date. No threat when ninth over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers last time out. Hard to have.
7. **FAMILY SMILE** - Returned at long odds last start and finished 2 lengths adrift in fifth over 1300m at Le Touquet. Expecting him to progress with that first run after the break.
8. **BLOOD CHOPE** - Battled last start to finish sixth over 1300m at Deauville All Weather adding to a sequence of plain results. Better than recent runs suggest. Can feature.

**Summary:** HEATHERWOOD (3) made a winning handicap debut when scoring narrowly over 1400m at Le Lion-d'Angers last-time-out. Notable claims with further progress expected and the drop to 1100m no issue. TILL WE DIE (4) followed up a Moulins handicap win with a good claiming third over this trip at Deauville. Hard to ignore in current form. NO TIME TO WAIT (2) finished fourth in the aforementioned Deauville claimer and cannot be dismissed. BLUE DREAM (5) has placed on both visits to this venue. Each-way chance.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEATHERWOOD (3) - TILL WE DIE (4) - NO TIME TO WAIT (2) - BLUE DREAM (5)</b></p> |
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